

HOUSE BILL 2294

By Sexton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 2, Part 1, relative to hunting licenses for
intellectually disabled persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-104, is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (a)(2), adding the following language as a new subdivision (3), and renumbering the subsequent subdivision accordingly:

(3) Hunting license to residents of Tennessee who are over the age of ten (10) years and are intellectually disabled. The director shall accept as evidence for the purposes of this subdivision a certificate from a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state certifying that the applicant meets the requirements of this section with reference to such disability. The person must be accompanied by an adult at least twenty-five (25) years of age or older, who is hunter-education-certified and licensed to hunt. The person shall be required to complete the hunter education course as provided in § 70-2-108 in the presence of a licensed adult, but shall not be required to attain a particular score on the course examination or take the course more than once. As used in this subdivision, unless the context otherwise requires "accompanied" means the licensed adult shall be able to take immediate control of the hunting device and "intellectually disabled" means a person whose disability is characterized by limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior; and

SECTION 2. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with title 4, chapter 5, to specifically denote on the license that the person is intellectually disabled, and to create a one-time-only fee in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of implementing the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.